

THE COLUMBUS-ATHENS SCHWEITZER FELLOWS PROGRAM

Purpose: To facilitate service projects to benefit the Columbus and Athens communities, and simultaneously develop emerging professionals who have the skills to address unmet health-related needs throughout their careers.

THE ALBERT
SCHWEITZER
FELLOWSHIP®
*Addressing Health Disparities
by Developing Leaders in Service*

“Start early to instill in your students awareness that they are on this earth to help and serve others; that is as important to pass on to them as knowledge.”

—Albert Schweitzer, PhD, MD



Doctors in Science (DiS) A Longitudinal Mentorship Program



Community Partner

- Champion Middle School
(Columbus City Schools)

Calling Champion the worst middle school in Ohio and a perpetual failure at helping students rise above the dismal circumstances of their Near East Side neighborhood, the Columbus Dispatch noted that just 11 percent of seventh-graders passed the state math test in 2009, one of six academic areas it placed last in statewide. (10/03/10)



Memories



Project

Doctors in Science (DiS)

Purpose

DiS addresses the lack of exposure of underprivileged youth to the healthcare professions. We are thus established as a longitudinal mentorship program for middle school students interested in science, medicine, and dentistry.

Mission

- “To promote a culture of creativity, collaboration, and excellence for students interested in science, medicine, and dentistry”

Goals

- 1)To expose students to various aspects of healthcare
- 2)To help students develop constructive habits to facilitate their continued academic success and growth

Accomplishments

Program-Based

- Weekly meetings
- NCH Middle School Career Day
- Dentistry Workshop
- “I Know I Can” Luncheon
- “ABC in Columbus”
- OSUMC Field Trip

Administrative-Based

- EIN, Trademark, and Articles of Incorporation completed
- Financial status, web page, and contact information established
- 501(c)(3) status pending

Looking Ahead

- Continuing local efforts
- Establishing national leadership and partnerships

In light of our two-fold goals as a longitudinal mentorship program, DiS has established both short- and long-term aims. Our **five-year aims** are to 1) maintain formal and consistent mentoring with DiS students at Champion; 2) establish an executive board and advisory committee; and 3) have at least one DiS student gain admission to an elite private boarding or day school through the A Better Chance (ABC) organization. Our **ten-year aims** are to 1) slowly, strategically, and effectively expand DiS beyond Columbus and 2) continue the DiS pipeline into ABC. Our **fifteen-year aims** are to 1) maintain the above-mentioned expanded DiS programming and 2) to have a formal summer residential program for DiS students.

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